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ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE COMMITTEE MINUTES (Approved January 14, 2019)

The Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Committee held a meeting on November 5, 2018 at 4:30 p.m., in Conference Room A, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, DE.

PRESENT: Ronald Castaldo, CRNA; Megan Williams, FNP-C; Cindy Cunningham, PMHCNS/NP; Maryanne Holzapfel, RPh; Katie O'Brien, CNM

ABSENT: Joseph Rubacky, DO; Leena Paul, MD; Mary Diamond, DO,

GUESTS: None

PRESIDING: Ronald Castaldo, CRNA

STAFF: Pamela Zickafoose, Executive Director, Delaware Board of Nursing

CALL TO ORDER: Dr. Castaldo called the meeting to order at 4:43 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: Minutes from September 17, 2018 were reviewed. Dr. Williams made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Ms. Cunningham. The motion carried with Ms. O'Brien abstaining.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

APRN Subcommittee for Report to General Assembly

Dr. Zickafoose reported that Dr. Lawless volunteered to serve on this subcommittee as a representative of the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline. Other members will be Dr. Castaldo and Ms. Holzapfel. The committee plans to meet in December to determine information needed for the report. Dr. Zickafoose will collect data in January and the report should be submitted prior to June 30, 2019 which is the end of the legislative session. Members questioned whether they will testify in front of the of legislature or not. Dr. Zickafoose will inquire. Dr. Williams suggested education on the types of APRNs be included since it will be a new GA and all members agreed.

Ernest Tamajong, Adult/Gero NP

Dr. Zickafoose stated she did not receive the additional verification form for Mr. Tamajong. The application was continued awaiting receipt of the form.

NEW BUSINESS:

Applications for Independent Practice:

Stephanie Duphily, CRNA

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. O'Brien to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Lou Ann Hurst, CRNA

Following review of the required documentation Ms. Cunningham moved, seconded By Ms. Holzapfel to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Trina Haywood, CNM

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to table the application pending clarification whether a CNM is qualified to sign the verification form. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Zickafoose read the rules and statute which includes a licensed healthcare delivery system or practice group where a collaborative relationship occurs. The rules do not specify whether an APRN can serve as a collaborator. She will consult with the board DAG for clarification.

Carla Dimiris, Psych/MH NP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Bernadette Thomas, FNP

Following review of the required documentation Ms. Cunningham moved, seconded by Ms. Holzapfel, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Stacey Jackson, AdultGero NP

Following review of the required documentation Ms. O'Brien moved, seconded by Ms. Holzapfel, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Breighanna Gray, Adult/Gero NP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Williams moved to table the application pending further clarification whether an APRN is qualified to sign the verification form, seconded by Ms. Holzapfel. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Castaldo also pointed out question #8 was not marked and she did not write her license number on the verification form.

Jennifer Callard, FNP

Following review of the required documentation Ms. Cunningham moved, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Thomas Foster, Adult/Gero NP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. Holzapfel, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Victoria Brookshire, FNP

Following review of the required documentation Dr. Williams moved, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, to grant independent practice. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS (for discussion only):

Meeting dates were distributed for 2019. Two members will not be able to attend in January, so the meeting may have to be moved if a quorum is not obtained. Please respond to the emails regarding attendance.

Committee membership was discussed. Dr. Zickafoose received an email from Dr. Paul stating her term was completed. In addition, Ms. Cunningham's and Dr. William's three-year terms have expired. Members discussed the need for continuity in the committee and Dr. Zickafoose read an email from J. Singh, DAG stating there was no limit to the number of terms a member could serve. Both Dr. Williams and Ms. Cunningham agreed to continue with the committee. Dr. Zickafoose will notify the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline of the need for another physician member of the committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

NEXT MEETING: January 7, 2019 in Conference Room A of the Cannon Building

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela C. Zickafoose". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pamela C. Zickafoose, EdD, MSN, RN, NE-BC, CNE, FRE
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